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RELAXATION IN RULES OF ACCELERATED IRRIGATION BENEFIT PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any bottlenecks have been found in the existing guidelines for Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP);

(b) if so, the details and the steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide relaxation in the guidelines to overcome these bottlenecks; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to enforce these relaxations?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRYOF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) to (c) AIBP conceived in 1996-97 in order to provide financial assistance to States to complete ongoing irrigation projects have undergone liberalization from time to time on the basis of feed backs received from the stake holders. Since the Government of India has launched Bharat Nirman Programme which inter-alia include creation of 10 million hectare of Irrigation potential upto 2008-09, further relaxation in AIBP are considered by the Union Government. Union Cabinet has already approved the revised proposals on the relaxation of criteria of AIBP proposed by Ministry of Water Resources. The proposals submitted by the State Government for availing assistance under AIBP are processed as per the AIBP guidelines in force.